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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE KRILL FISHERY IN THE ANTARCTIC

1. DURING THE WINTER 1972/73, JAPAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
BEGAN EXPLORATORY FISHING FOR KRILL IN THE ANTARCTIC.

2. LAST YEAR (1973/74), THE CENTER SENT THE CHARTERED VESSEL  
NO. 11 DAISHIN MARU (1,493 GROSS TONS) TO ANTARCTIC, USING A  
NET 10 METER SQUARE WITH CATCHES AS HIGH AS 30 M/T OF KRILL PER  
DAY AND A TOTAL CATCH OF 646 M/T.

3. IN 1974/75 THE CENTER WILL AGAIN SEND THE NO. 11 DAISHIN  
MARU TO THE ANTARCTIC (FROM OCTOBER 28-29 TO THE END OF FEBRUARY).  
THE CENTER PLANS TO TAKE UP TO 50 TO 60 M/T OF KRILL PER DAY WITH  
A NET TWICE THE SIZE OF THAT USED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

4. MORE SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, IS THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF  
KRILL BY NIPPON SUISAN BEGINNING THIS YEAR. THE COMPANY WILL USE  
THE TRAWLER ASO MARU (3,608 GROSS TONS) FOR THIS TEST OPERATION  
WITH A TARGET CATCH OF 1,500 M/T. THE VESSEL WILL WORK WITH THE  
NO. 11 DAISHIN MARU IN FISHING FOR AND PROCESSING KRILL.

5. ACCORDING TO FISHERY AGENCY SOURCE, BEST METHOD TO PROCESS  
KRILL NOT YET DETERMINED BUT PRODUCT WILL PROBABLY BE IN FORM  
OF FISH PROTEIN CONCENTRATE FOR USE AS A FOOD ADDITIVE.

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